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Deputy Chief William Nord of the Palatine Police Department was one of two-hundred and fifty-six law enforcement officers who graduated the FBI National Academy Program on Friday, September 13, 2019. The 277th Session of the National Academy consisted of men and women from 50 states and the District of Columbia. The class included members of law enforcement agencies from thirty-four countries, five military organizations and nine federal civilian organizations.

Internationally known for its academic excellence, the National Academy Program offers ten weeks of advanced communication, leadership and fitness training. Participants must have proven records as professionals within their agencies to attend. On average, these officers have 21 years of law enforcement experience and usually return to their agencies to serve in executive-level positions.

FBI Director Christopher Asher Wray delivered remarks at the ceremony. Class spokesperson Angela Hawkins of the Brentwood, Missouri Police Department represented the graduating officers.

FBI Academy instructors, special agents and other staff with advanced degrees provide the training; many instructors are recognized internationally in their fields. Since 1972, National Academy students have been able to earn undergraduate and graduate credits from the University of Virginia, which accredits many of the courses offered.

A total of 52,282 graduates have completed the FBI National Academy since it began in 1935. The National Academy is held at the FBI Training Academy in Quantico, the same facility where the FBI trains its new special agents and intelligence analysts.

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(see below for a photo of Deputy Chief Nord)

